
H.J.R. No. 45

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to require the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 8, Article IV, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8. (a) The Governor may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the Legislature at the seat of Government, or at a different place, in case that should be in possession of the public enemy or in case of the prevalence of disease threat. His proclamation therefor shall state specifically the purpose for which the Legislature is convened.

(b) *The Governor shall convene the Legislature in special session to appoint presidential electors if the Governor determines that a reasonable likelihood exists that a final determination of the appointment of electors will not occur before the deadline prescribed by law to ascertain a conclusive determination of the appointment. The Legislature may not consider any subject other than the appointment of electors at that special session.*

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2001. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances."

Passed by the House on April 23, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 14, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Filed with the Secretary of State May 15, 2001.

H.J.R. No. 47

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the cancellation of an election to fill a vacancy in the legislature when a candidate is running unopposed.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 13, Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 13. (a) When vacancies occur in either House, the Governor, or the person exercising the power of the Governor, shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies; and should the Governor fail to issue a writ of election to fill any such vacancy within twenty days after it occurs, the returning officer of the district in which such vacancy may have happened, shall be authorized to order an election for that purpose.

(b) *The legislature may provide by general law for the filling of a vacancy in the legislature without an election if only one person qualifies and declares a candidacy in an election to fill the vacancy.*

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2001. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or

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against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the filling of a vacancy in the legislature without an election if a candidate is running unopposed in an election to fill the vacancy."

Passed by the House on March 20, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 47 on April 23, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on April 11, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting.

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H.J.R. No. 52

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment clearing land titles by relinquishing and releasing any claim of sovereign ownership or title to an interest in certain lands in Bastrop County.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 2A, Article VII, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2A. (a) The State of Texas hereby relinquishes and releases any claim of sovereign ownership or title to an undivided one-third interest in and to the lands and minerals within the Shelby, Frazier, and McCormick League (now located in Fort Bend and Austin counties) arising out of the interest in that league originally granted under the Mexican Colonization Law of 1823 to John McCormick on or about July 24, 1824, and subsequently voided by the governing body of Austin's Original Colony on or about December 15, 1830.

(b) *The State of Texas relinquishes and releases any claim of sovereign ownership or title to an interest in and to the lands, excluding the minerals, in Tracts 2-5, 13, 15-17, 19-20, 23-26, 29-32, and 34-37, in the A. P. Nance Survey, Bastrop County, as said tracts are:*

(1) shown on Bastrop County Rolled Sketch No. 4, recorded in the General Land Office on December 15, 1999; and

(2) further described by the field notes prepared by a licensed state land surveyor of Travis County in September through November 1999 and May 2000.

(c) Title [~~and title~~] to such interest in the lands and minerals described by Subsection (a) is confirmed to the owners of the remaining interests in such lands and minerals. Title to the lands, excluding the minerals, described by Subsection (b) is confirmed to the holder of record title to each tract. Any outstanding land award or land payment obligation owed to the state for lands described by Subsection (b) is canceled, and any funds previously paid related to an outstanding land award or land payment obligation may not be refunded.

(d) The General Land Office shall issue a patent to the holder of record title to each tract described by Subsection (b). The patent shall be issued in the same manner as other patents except that no filing fee or patent fee may be required.

(e) A patent issued under Subsection (d) shall include a provision reserving all mineral interest in the land to the state.

(f) This section is self-executing.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2001. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for clearing of land